

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, July 28, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member

Staff Present: Jim Vlahovich, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Craig Sullivan
Kristin Cipolla

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. County Supervisors Association (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding legislative activities and discussion of future legislative proposals.

Chairman Call had everyone introduce themselves.

Mr. Craig Sullivan, CSA Director, gave the background on CSA's purpose. He used a PowerPoint presentation to go over the goals, leadership, and services provided to the counties. He said that this year's summit would be held in Yavapai County where legislative proposals would be discussed. He reviewed last year's CSA summit proposals and went over the budgetary impacts to counties from the State. He said some counties were pursuing legal action against some of the State's budget decisions.

Chairman Call said that the State makes decisions that impact counties without consulting counties and realizing how those impacts affect citizens.

Vice-Chairman English said that the State was trying to single counties out and create a

wedge between counties and that she felt like the purpose of the CSA was to try to get fair treatment for all counties.

Mr. Sullivan said that CSA was meeting with legislators who could make positive changes that would not affect counties too much. He noted that CSA was also working with the Secretary of State's Office to reduce county costs on the Presidential Preference Election and they would also partner with the Arizona Association of Counties on certain legislative proposals that other Elected Officials in County government were concerned with.

Chairman Call said that Cochise County had been frustrated with the lack of representation from legislators representing local communities.

Mr. Sullivan said that the frustration came by many member counties about the budget impacts from the State. He stated that another major focus for CSA was transportation advocacy to ensure counties received their share of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and the Vehicle License Tax (VLT).

Chairman Call said that the some County officials had met with legislators to discuss shifting HURF monies to fund the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Mr. David Gowan, the Speaker of the House, had said he did not see an issue with this shift and would support any future shifts to fund DPS.

Mr. Sullivan said that there are members at the highest level that believe that, but more members believe that the HURF funds need to be for roads. He moved on to legislation and said there were six bills submitted and two of them made it through the legislative process. He showed a spreadsheet of \$1,000,000 from state shifts. He went over some other important state bills and then moved on to the federal bills.

Vice-Chairman English said that the County had several proposals.

Mr. Vlahovich went over the proposals and said there would be more details given in the formal submittals for the summit.

The Board thanked Mr. Sullivan for the update and said that they looked forward to attending the summit.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board